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CATWOMAN SIZZLES!

She's the most compelling female character in comics; a wildly-independent, strong-willed woman of deadly and alluring power. Not quite hero and not quite villain, she walks the narrow line between the two — a living lightning rod for danger of the deadliest kind. Now she's embarking on all-new adventures in CATWOMAN, a new ongoing series that kicks off with a striking, embossed spot-varnished cover enhancement on issue #1!

CATWOMAN takes off as Gotham City is ripped apart by the events of "Knightfall" as Selina Kyle goes to work for the man who now controls the streets — Bane! But this deadly allegiance may cost Catwoman her life when she becomes the target of one of Bane's old enemies. And if she's once again playing both sides of the fence, she may find herself the prey of friends as well as foes!

Catwoman's appearances in *Batman Returns, Batman: The Animated Series,* and her 4-part story arc in SHOWCASE '93, have left you clamoring for more. Now with the staggering storytelling talents of Jo Duffy (*Akira, The Punisher, Power Man* and *Iron Fist*), and killer artwork by Jim Balent (*Vampirella*) and comics veteran Dick Giordano bringing you her adventures month after month, CATWOMAN sizzles with nine lives' worth of untamed excitement!

BATMAN: SWORD OF AZRAEL TRADE PAPERBACK

BATMAN: SWORD OF AZRAEL, the hit miniseries that helped lay the groundwork for the "Knightfall" storyline currently running in BATMAN, DETECTIVE COMICS, and SHOWCASE '93, is re-presented in a single spectacular volume with an all-new wraparound cover by Joe Quesada and Kevin Nowlan!

Azrael, a major player in "Knightfall," made his spectacular debut in this exciting, globe-spanning story. Azrael is the living instrument of the Secret Order of St. Dumas, a centuries-old line of avenging knights conditioned since childhood to combat evil in whatever form it takes. A trail of blood and death leads Batman and the newest Azrael to a deadly encounter in Europe, where the two must cross swords to confront a demonic crusader.

The 112-page BATMAN: SWORD OF AZRAEL trade paperback is written by Denny O'Neil, with art by Joe Quesada and Kevin Nowlan.

BATMAN: SWORD OF AZRAEL... the beginning of one of the most spectacular stories in the Dark Knight's history!

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THE DEVIL AND THE DARK KNIGHT MEET IN BATMAN/GRENDEL

A deadly encounter becomes an historic meeting in Matt Wagner's BATMAN/GRENDEL, the eagerly-awaited epic miniseries, co-published with Comico, the Comic Company, that is sure to prove one of the greatest teamups of all time. BATMAN/GRENDEL pits the relentless determination of the Dark Knight Detective against the diabolic methodology of Hunter Rose, the first incarnation of Wagner's now-classic creation, Grendel.

While Bruce Wayne and Hunter Rose play power games in Gotham's high society, Batman finds himself up against a new and vicious foe of stunning intellect and evil intent, one more than capable of testing the Dark Knight's formidable skills to their limits.

The long-awaited BATMAN/GRENDEL miniseries is written and illustrated by Grendel creator Matt Wagner, author and artist of the BATMAN: LEGENDS OF THE DARK KNIGHT 3-part story "Faces." Wagner is also the scripter of SANDMAN MYSTERY THEATRE from DC's VERTIGO line.

BATMAN/GRENDEL is a 2-issue Prestige Format miniseries, co-published by DC and Comico, the Comic Company, and is written and illustrated by Matt Wagner.

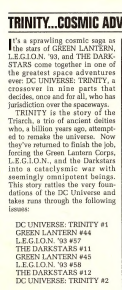
TRINITY...COSMIC ADVENTURE TIMES THREE!

It's a sprawling cosmic saga as the stars of GREEN LANTERN, L.E.G.I.O.N. '93, and THE DARKSTARS come together in one of the greatest space adventures ever: DC UNIVERSE: TRINITY, a crossover in nine parts that decides, once and for all, who has jurisdiction over the spaceways.

TRINITY is the story of the Trisirch, a trio of ancient deities who, a billion years ago, attempted to remake the universe. Now they've returned to finish the job, forcing the Green Lantern Corps, L.E.G.I.O.N., and the Darkstars into a cataclysmic war with seemingly omnipotent beings. This story rattles the very foundations of the DC Universe and takes runs through the following issues:

DC UNIVERSE: TRINITY #1
GREEN LANTERN #44
L.E.G.I.O.N. '93 #57
THE DARKSTARS #11
GREEN LANTERN #45
L.E.G.I.O.N. '93 #58
THE DARKSTARS #12
DC UNIVERSE: TRINITY #2

It all begins in DC UNIVERSE: TRINITY #1, a 3-part opening written by Gerard Jones, Michael Jan Friedman, and Mark Waid & Barry Kitson. The art teams are Gene Ha and Romeo Tanghal, Travis Charest and Scott Hanna, and Barry Kitson and John Stokes.



THE NEW TITANS HIT #100!

"The Darkening" storyline reaches its sensational climax in a landmark 100th issue of NEW TITANS, enhanced by a holo-foil cover!

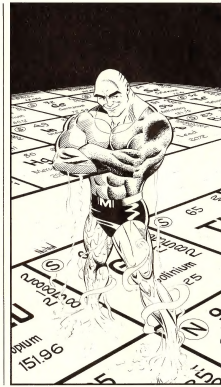
NEW TITANS #100 is the start of a new era for the series as a violent convergence of old foes and secret agendas comes to a head at the wedding of Nightwing and Starfire! An old ally returns as a deadly enemy and is revealed as the orchestrator of the disasters the Titans have experienced in recent months. While that foe attacks Starfire, Nightwing battles Deathwing — his malevolent future self from the year 2001 — resulting in a number of shocks and surprise twists that will forever change the lives of the Titans. NEW TITANS #100 also features the team's "new" member, Arsenal, and special guests including Robin, Flash, and Aqualad. And a special bonus section features spectacular full-page pinups.

NEW TITANS #100 is a 48-page special issue with a holo-foil enhanced cover, written by Marv Wolfman, with art by Tom Grummett and Al Vey.

ADVENTURE IS ELEMENTAL IN *METAMORPHO!*

Metamorpho, former member of the Outsiders and of the Justice League, cuts loose with the strange powers at his command in a 4-issue miniseries that returns him to his roots as a world-renowned soldier of fortune. This time, though, the stakes are higher than ever, as Rex Mason embarks on a quest to save the life of his infant son. Even as the Element Man clashes with angry natives, deadly traps, certain death, and a confrontation with his tortured past, the story also delves into his relationships with his child, his ex-wife Sapphire, and her brutish husband Java. Shocking discoveries redefine Metamorpho's life and set the stage for a very different future.

METAMORPHO is a 4-issue miniseries co-plotted by Mark Waid and Graham Nolan, written by Waid, pencilled by Nolan, and inked by Ron Boyd.



METAMORPHO™

THE RETURN OF THE RAGMAN

The tattered tatterdemalion is back in RAGMAN: CRY OF THE DEAD! When Ragman investigates a series of grisly murders in New Orleans, he embarks on a trail that leads far beyond the realm of mere human crimes.

Summoned by the wrathful cries of murdered children, Marinette, voodoo goddess of vengeance, has descended upon the Crescent City—and brings with her bloody retribution. Faced with this demonic threat, Rory Regan must once again don his suit of souls to battle a menace that won't rest until New Orleans is a lifeless channel house; but before he can hope to stop the bloodthirsty spirit, Ragman must first unravel more of the mystery surrounding his unholy powers. Only then does Ragman begin to understand the cry of the dead and how to silence it.

RAGMAN: CRY OF THE DEAD is a 6-issue New Format miniseries written by Elaine Lee, with art by Gabriel Morrissette, and covers by RAGMAN co-creator Joe Kubert.

RAGMAN: CRY OF THE DEAD...from beyond the grave, a call for vengeance!

THEY'RE ON THE WAY TO GRANDMA'S HOUSE.
WE CAN'T FEEL THE FLESH BOIL AND BLISTER AS THE FLAMES CONSUME US.
SHE KILLED HER OWN CHILD!
LOUD AND PROUD.
RORY REGAN FOR OL' DOWN HOME, NEW ORLEANS!
DAMNATION

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SUPERMAN: THE MAN OF STEEL TRADE PAPERBACK

This all-new printing of this classic mini-series features a newly designed cover and a special low price! You've seen how it all ended for the Man of Steel...now read how it all began in this re-presentation of the landmark miniseries that recreated the Superman legend for the current continuity! Written and pencilled John Byrne, and inked by Dick Giordano. This new-classic story is a must for every Superman fan. *(Standard Format Trade Paperback)* 160 pages. $7.50

SHIPPING JUNE 8

SHOWCASE '93 #7

(of a 12-issue limited series)

Continuing this "Knightfall" crossover in BATMAN and DETECTIVE COMICS, leading to BATMAN #500 with Part 1 of the Event story "Double Cross." An exhausted Batman confronts fighting the escapees from Arkham Asylum and Two-Face may prove to be his most difficult and unpredictable foe to date! Written by Doug Moench, with art by Klaus Janson. Also Huaxmaker and Deathstroke fight hordes of Kobra's mutilated lizard-men (with Deathstroke entering the mix) as the "Kobra Kronicles" continue, written by Mike Baron, with art by Gary Barker and Jose Marzan, Jr. Then, Infinity Inc.'s Jade and Obsidian fight a bizarre new villain in "Image Is Everything," written by Michael J. Martineck, with art by Andrew Kudelka and Kevin Nowlan. Cover by Bill Sienkiewicz. (48 pages.) $1.95

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BATMAN #498

Continuing the "Knightfall" crossover in BATMAN, DETECTIVE COMICS, and SHOWCASE '93 leading to BATMAN #500. Alfred and Robin try to console a broken and devastated Bruce Wayne in the aftermath of his disastrous battle with Bane! Meanwhile, the victorious villain Bane begins his rule over Gotham by recruiting Catwoman, leading into the new ongoing CATWOMAN series. Written by Doug Moench, with art by Jim Aparo and Rick Burchett. Cover by Kelley Jones. $1.25

BATMAN: LEGENDS OF THE DARK KNIGHT #48

Part 3 of the 6-part "Heat": Catman's murderous spree continues as the heatwave holds Gotham City at its mercy. Batman and Catwoman form an uneasy alliance to bring down the increasingly unpredictable killer, leading to a three-way confrontation at the Gotham Zoo... until an enraged black panther makes it a foursome! Written by Doug Moench, with art and cover by Russ Heath. *(Deluxe Format)* $1.75

BATMAN: LEGENDS OF THE DARK KNIGHT #48

CHAIN GANG WAR #2

The Chain Gang may be just what the people want, but the cops are none too pleased with this vigilante crew. That doesn't stop the trio from hunting drug-lord B-Ball in his den of vice... especially when the neighborhood slides with reporter Marion Hawley against the police in support of the Chain Gang! Written by John Wagner, with art by Dave Johnson and John Dell. Cover by Johnson & Dell. *(New Format)* $1.75

CHAIN GANG WAR #2

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DC UNIVERSE: TRINITY #1
(Of a 2-issue "bookend" miniseries)
Beginning the epic GREEN LANTERN/L.E.G.I.O.N. '93/DARKSTARS crossover: These three agencies begin their battle for the jurisdiction of space, as the Trianch, a trio of ancient deities, make known their presence. First to encounter them is Hal Jordan, who investigates a planet ravaged by one of their number. The story then shifts to the Darkstar Fifth Corps as the second Trianch assaults another planet, and finally to L.E.G.I.O.N. '93, as Will Dee and Phase attempt to establish a base on Mathlux, where the third Trianch begins fortifying the planet in order to begin its forming it. What is the ancient link between the Green Lantern Corps and the Darkstars? And can the three groups reconcile their differences in order to defeat these powerful foes? Continued in GREEN LANTERN #44. The three chapters of TRINITY #1 are written by Gerard Jones, Michael Jan Friedman, Mark Waid and Barry Kitson, with art by Gene Ha & Romeo Tanghal, Travis Charest & Scott Hanna, and Kitson & John Stokes. Cover by Gene Ha & Romeo Tanghal (48 pages.) $2.50

DC UNIVERSE: TRINITY #1

DEATHSTROKE, THE TERMINATOR. #27
Deathstroke's World Tour begins here, and before it's over, Slade Wilson will have spanned the globe in his search for his ex-wife, a lost treasure, and, ultimately, his own (dastily) Written by Marv Wolfman, with art by Steve Erwin and Will Blyberg. Cover by Mike Zeck. *(New Format)* $1.75

FLASH #79
The heart-stopping Barry Allen saga reaches its dynamic and startling conclusion in this special oversized issue that presents a super-speed showdown to determine once and for all who will wear the crimson and gold costume of the Flash! Written by Mike Baron, with art by Greg LaRocque and Roy Richardson, and Ken Ty Templeton. (64 pages.) $3.50

GREEN LANTERN ANNUAL #2
The BLOODLINES Summer Annual crosses over with GREEN LANTERN ANNUAL #5. Green Lantern returns to Oa, only to be side of a slaughter that's left much of the population paralyzed, dead, or transformed into unstoppable monsters... with only the mysterious Star Sapphire known as Aquagirl standing up to this terrifying plague! Impervious to harm, able to instantly heal any wound, and to throw any object with pinpoint accuracy, Nightshade is this Annual's infusion of New Blood into the DC Universe. Continued in BATMAN ANNUAL #17. Written by Gerard Jones, with art by Mitch Byrd and Dan Davis. Cover by Christian Alamy. (64 pages.) $2.50

GREEN LANTERN: MOSAIC #15
With the spirit of Ch'p as his guide, Green Lantern John Stewart descends into his own personal hell to confront all the people he's killed throughout his life... including, at the center of his deepest circles, his dead wife Katma Tui. Written by Gerard Jones, with art and cover by Cully Hammer and Dan Panosian. $1.25

HARDWARE #6
Hardware and Deathwish are getting closer to finding the serial killer. Hardware learns his partner's ugly secret and makes a chilling personal discovery about the nature of vengeance. Written by Dwayne McDuffie and penciled by Denys Cowan. Cover by Cowan and Mike Manley. $1.50

GREEN LANTERN: MOSAIC #15

JUSTICE LEAGUE AMERICA #70
The League lands in the middle of a civil war when they head south to secure an international air strip on Skybox Island, forcing them to go head to head against an entire army and interfere in international affairs. Written by new regular writer Dan Vado, with art by Michael Collins, Carlos Garzon and Romeo Tanghal. Cover by Collins & Marzan. $1.25

JUSTICE LEAGUE AMERICA #70

LEGIONNAIRES #5
The reborn Fatal Five is out for blood...and not just the Legionnaires', but the man who reunited them as well! Written by Tom and Mary Bierbaum, with art and cover by Chris Sprouse and Karl Story. The covers of LEGIONNAIRES #2-6 form a giant panorama of the Legionnaires against the Fatal Five. $1.25

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LEGIONNAIRES #5

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PETER CANNON – THUNDERBOLT #12

Peter Cannon has returned to Tibet and the monastery where he was raised and learns the most startling news of his life: that his predecessor as the Thunderbolt, whom he believed dead, is still alive! Final issue. Written and penciled by Michael Collins and inked by Josè Marzan, Jr. Cover by Collins and Marzan Jr. $1.50

PETER CANNON – THUNDERBOLT #12

SHOWCASE '93 #8

Continuing the "Knightfall" crossover in BATMAN and DETECTIVE leading to BATMAN #500 with Part 2 of the 2-part "Double Cross." Two-Face captures an exhausted Batman, forcing the Dark Knight to face one of his most dangerous foes while at his weakest, in a story written by Doug Moench, with art by Klaus Janson. In "Brainwashed," Deadshot targets Deathstroke and Peacemaker as they continue their pursuit of Kobra, and Deadshot never misses! written by Mike Baron, with art by Gary Barker and José Marzan Jr. Finally, Fire and Ice face an erupting volcano in "Shadow of the Honeycreeper," written by Elliot S. Maggin, with art by Steven Harris and Carlos Pedraza. Cover by Glenn Fabry. (48 pages.) $1.95

SHOWCASE '93 #8

THE SPECTRE #8

The spilled blood of innocents calls to the Spectre for revenge, making it increasingly difficult for him to protect Arny from the serial killer known as the Reaver. And dark forces are set in motion when Asmodeus takes possession of a mortal who has good reason to hate the Spectre. Written by John Ostrander, with art by Tom Mandrake. Painted cover by Matt Wagner. (New Format) $1.75

STAR TREK® #51

Sarek is forced to pay "The Price" when the most capture a Starfleet defector in Romulan space before he can deliver crucial military secrets to the enemy. Written by Dan Mishkin and penciled by Dave Stetson and Steve Lyons with inks by Arne Starr. Cover by Rod Whigham and Jerome Moore. (New Format) $1.75

SUPERMAN: THE MAN OF STEEL #24

The "Reign of the Supermen" continues from ACTION COMICS #689. The Man of Steel defeats the crimelord White Rabbit after confronting the cold, alien Superman. Also, Green Lantern's Coast City is threatened, as the menace of Mongal looms near! Continues in SUPERMAN #80. Written by Louise Simonson, with art and cover by Jon Bogdanove and Dennis Janke. $1.50

SUPERMAN: THE MAN OF STEEL #24

VALOR #10

When the secrets of the old Green Lantern are finally revealed, everybody is knocked for a loop. Also, the battle with the Unimaginable turns deadly as the villain brutally murders the White Spider and his gang... and then turns his sights on Valor and crew! Written by Robert Loren Fleming and penciled by Jeffrey Moore. Cover by Adam Hughes. $1.25

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VALOR #10

WONDER WOMAN #77

Just as Diana starts putting together the pieces of the high-tech crime she's been investigating, her search is cut short by the menace of a mystery villain with great wealth who's set his sights on Wonder Woman. Written by William Messner-Loebs, with art by Lee Moder and Andie Parks. Cover by Brian Boland. $1.25

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BATMAN ANNUAL #13

The BLOODLINES Summer Annual crossover continues from GREEN LANTERN ANNUAL #2. Gotham City's most gung-ho cop falls prey to one of the Parasites... and is reborn as Deadmagic, this Annual's infusion of New Blood into the DC Universe! But will he join Batman in the battle against the alien menace? Continued in JUSTICE LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL ANNUAL #4. Written by Doug Moench, with art by Eduardo Barreto. Cover by Christian Alamy. (64 pages.) $2.50

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BATMAN/GRENDEL #1
(of a 2-book miniseries)

Hunter Rose — the original incarnation of Grendel — seeks to expand his criminal empire into Gotham City... and to pit his formidable skills as Grendel against the legendary prowess of the Dark Knight! Using the tactics of the Riddler to bait and confuse Batman, Grendel sets his sights on the greatest riddler of all—the Sphinx! Story, art, and painted cover by Matt Wagner. *(Prestige Format)* $4.95

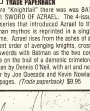
BATMAN/GRENDEL #1

BATMAN: SHADOW OF THE BAT #15

Part 2 of the 2-part "Gotham Freaks": Mafia disguised as a mustoxhost, the Dark Knight discovers which of the carnival performers is responsible for the crime wave that's been plaguing Gotham City. Written by Alan Grant, with art by Joe Staton and Steve Mitchell. Painted cover by Brian Stelfreeze. *(New Format)* $1.75

BATMAN: SWORD OF AZRAEL TRADE PAPERBACK

Before "Knightfall" there was was BATMAN: SWORD OF AZRAEL. The 4-issue miniseries that introduced Azrael to the Batman mythos is reprinted in a single volume. Azrael rises from the ashes of an ancient order of avenging knights, crossing swords with Batman as the two converge on the trail of a demonic mindwerd. Written by Dennis O'Neil, with art and new cover by Joe Quesada and Kevin Nowlan. 112 pages. *(Trade paperback)* $9.95



SWORD OF AZRAEL TRADE PAPERBACK

BLACK CANARY #5

On the trail of a mob informer, Black Canary heads from Philadelphia to Philadelphia, where the Ray appears on the scene and takes advantage of her separation from Green Arrow. Written by Jim Owsley, with art by James J. Hodgkins. Cover by Trevor Von Eeden and Bob Smith. *(New Format)* $1.75

THE DEMON #38

To fulfill the terms of their quest, Lobo, Etrigan, and Mokos must secure the heart of Belial... which, unfortunately, has been eaten by the Viking-That-Cannot-Die. The only logical solution is to create a new heart for Etrigan's host: the slaughtering 10,000 demons! Written by Alan Grant, with art by Rich Hedden and Tom McWeeney. Painted cover by Denis Rodier. *(New Format)* $1.75

ECLIPSO #10

It's Darkseid, the Lord of Darkness, versus Eclipso, the god of vengeance! Eclipso hosts Darkseid in a deadly high-stakes game with the ultimate victory lying in claim from the past. Written by Robert Loren Fleming, with art by Colen Doran and Ray Kryssing. $1.25

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GREEN LANTERN #44
Part 2 of "Trivia," continued from DC UNIVERSE #1: Hal arrives on Mallus, original home of the Guardians, and finds three powerful beings fighting a detachment of L.E.G.I.O.N. members. But the Mallusians are blinded to what's right by the seeming return of their gods, the Trilarch, and Hal disobeys orders when he joins the fray. Lobo and the L.E.G.I.O.N. are ordered by Dox to stop Hal. Continued in L.E.G.I.O.N. '93 #57. Written by Gerard Jones, with art and cover by Gene Ha and Romeo Tanghal. $1.25

ICON #4
Beginning a storyline dealing with teen pregnancy. While the Hero of Dakota battles for his life, Rocket learns that her actions have consequences, as she awaits the results of a test that will forever change her life. Written by Dwayne McDuffie, with art and cover by M.D. Bright and Mike Gustovich. $1.50

ICON #4

THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES #45
It's Legion versus Legion as Mordru enlists dead Legion members into his army of the dead. Even as the team battles to save the galaxy, intense personal conflicts arise between Karate Kid and Projecto, and Cosmic Boy and his dead brother, Magnetic Kid. Written by Tom and Mary Bierbaum, with art and cover by Stuart Immonen and Ron Boyd. *(New Format)* $1.75

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THE NEW TITANS #100
It's the wedding, at long last, of Nightwing and Starfire... but this ceremony is anything but peaceful as an old friend suddenly returns to destroy them. Also, Nightwing fights Deathwing (the malevolent Nightwing of 2001)! Guests starring Flash, Aquaboi, Arsenal (the former Speedy), Titans West, Robin, and others. Written by Marv Wolfman, with art and by Tom Grummett and Al Vey. Holo-foil enhanced cover illustrated by Grummett and Vey. 48 pages *(New Format)* $3.50

THE NEW TITANS #100

THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES #46

RAGMAN: CRY OF THE DEAD #1
(A'gi'il-colour embalming)
Murdered innocent children scream for vengence, awakening a voodoo demon that draws the Ragmen to New Orleans for a holocaust of horror. Written by Lee Marrs, with art by Gabriel Morrissette. Cover by Joe Kubert. *(New Format)* $1.75

RAGMAN: CRY OF THE DEAD #1

SUPERMAN #99
The "Reign of the Supermen" continues from SUPERMAN: THE MAN OF STEEL #24: Mongul arrives on Earth... just in time for Coast City to be blown sky high! In the Last Son of Krypton responsible for this heinous act of destruction? The cyborg Superman believes he is, leading to a battle that could decide who will remain Earth's one true Superman! Continued in ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #563. Written by Dan Jurgens, with art and cover by Jurgens and Brett Breeding. $1.50

SUPERMAN #99

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ZATANNA #2
(of 4, 4-issue limiteries)
Zatanna is given a warning by her mother; she will be forced to return to the life of a hero in order to combat an ancient evil menacing the world anew. With Zatanna's return to magic comes a new costume...and a new way of focusing her powers. Written by Lee Marrs, with art and cover by Esteban Maroto. *(New Format)* $1.95

ZATANNA #2

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ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #503
The "Reign of the Supermen" continues from SUPERMAN #50: The cyborg Superman, determined to rid the world of all the "pretenders," captures the teenaged Superman and imprisons him outside of Metropolis. Also, Mongul begins building his "Engine City" on the ruins of Coast City... and, down in Antarctica, something stirs in the Fortress of Solitude! Continued in ACTION COMICS #680. Written by Karl Kesel, with art and cover by Tom Grummett and Doug Hazlewood. $1.50

BATMAN: LEGENDS OF THE DARK KNIGHT #49
Part 4 of the 4-part "Heat": Batman and Catwoman tangle for the final time with the murderous Catman, forcing the two allies to learn something about one another that will forever shadow their future dealings. Written by Doug Moench, with interior art and cover by Russ Heath. *(Deluxe Format)* $1.75

ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #503

BATMAN: LEGENDS OF THE DARK KNIGHT #49

BLOOD SYNDICATE #5
As the Syndicate mourns its fallen leader, the gangs of Paris Island hit back and a young person has terrible dreams. Written by Ivan Velez, Jr., with art by Chriscross and John Lowe. Cover by Chriscross. $1.50

BLOOD SYNDICATE #5

DETECTIVE COMICS #685
Continuing the "Knightfall" crossover in BATMAN, DETECTIVE COMICS and SHOWCASE '93, leading to BATMAN #500: The shocking fate of Batman leaves Gotham City coming apart at the seams while Robin and Azrael try to contend with the madness on their own. Written by Chuck Dixon, with art by Graham Nolan and Dick Giordano. Cover by Kelley Jones. $1.25

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JUSTICE LEAGUE AMERICA #78
The Extremists are back...and out for blood! Intent on keeping control of Skyfere Island, they set out to send the JLA home in hobbyhoof! Written by Dan Vado, with art by Michael Collins, Carlos Garzon and Romeo Tanghal. Cover by Collins. $1.25

SHIPPING JUNE 29

JUSTICE LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL ANNUAL #4
The BLOODLINES Summer Annual crossover continues from BATMAN ANNUAL #17. With England threatened by the Parasites, the British government creates Lionheart, a new hero to face the horrific creature and this Annual's infusion of New Blood into the DC Universe! But even with the Justice League backing him up, there may be no way to stop the extraterrestrials! Continued in ROBIN ANNUAL #2. Written by Gerard Jones and penciled by Mike Parobeck. Cover by Christian Alamy. 64 pages. $2.50

JUSTICE LEAGUE TASK FORCE #3
Part 3 of the 3-part "The Tyranny Quiz". With robots preparing for all-out war, Blitz faces off against the combined might of Martian Manhunter and his Task Force while the seconds tick away to the moment when the Ultimate Weapon will destroy half the Caribbean. Written by David Michelinie, with art by Sal Velluto and Jeff Albrecht. Cover by Velluto. $1.25

L.E.G.I.O.N. '93 #57
Part 5 of "Trinity" continued from GREEN LANTERN #44. While the L.E.G.I.O.N. moves to stop Green Lantern from turning the Maltusians against them, Viril Dree goes against the all-powerful female Triarch and learns her ancient and terrible secret. Continued in THE DARKSTARS #11. Written by Mark Waid and Barry Kitson, with art by Kitson and John Stokes. Cover by Kitson. (*New Format*) $1.75

LOBO: INAMERICAN GLADIATORS #3
(of a 4-issue miniseries)
It's frog or be fragged for the eight surviving members of the Main Game. The Satan Brothers may be ahead on points, but Lobo is gaining fast. M.C. Johnny Caesar thinks he's got a great scam going here, but Will Dox knows better and he's ready to bust Johnny... but only if the Main Man survives the Hive of Death! Written by Alan Grant and John Wagner, with art by Carl Kennedy. Cover by Mike Mignola. (*New Format*) $1.75

LOBO: INAMERICAN GLADIATORS #3

METAMORPHO #1
(of a 4-issue miniseries)
Metamorpho's back, going solo to save his son and his own soul! The Element Man follows a globe-spanning trail of terror to find the mysterious Orb of Ra. But only by confronting his own tortured past can he hope to salvage his future. Written by Mark Waid, with art by Graham Nolan and Ron Boyd. Cover by Nolan. $1.25

STAR TREK™: THE NEXT GENERATION™ #48
The Away Team and the Borg battle over Locutus within the ruins of Starfleet Headquarters... with Picard's soul the ultimate prize! Written by Michael Jan Friedman, with art by Peter Krause and Pablo Marcos. Cover by Jason Pallmer and Jerome Moore. (*New Format*) $1.75

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METAMORPHO #1

TEAM TITANS #11

After the violent encounter with Deathwing in NEW TITANS #100, the Team embarks on a new adventure in a time they didn't make, while Baltalon decides to win back his wife by any means necessary. There's just one problem: she's married to someone else in this time! Written by Marv Wolfman, with art by Phil Jimenez and Will Blyberg. Cover by Jimenez. (New Format) $1.75

TEAM TITANS #11

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ACTION COMICS #690

The "Reign of the Superman" continues: Earth has turned against Superman as the teenaged Boy of Steel learns that Metropolis may suffer the same explosive fate as Coast City. Written by Roger Stern, with art by Jackson Guice and Denis Rodier. Cover by Kerry Gammill and Guice. $1.50

ACTION COMICS #690

THE BATMAN ADVENTURES #11

Mad Bat is on a rampage through Gotham City, and only Batman can stop him! Written by Kelley Puckett, with art and cover by Mike Parobeck and Rick Burchett. $1.25

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BATMAN/GRENDEL #2

(of a 2-book miniseries)

The true aggressive evil of Grendel is revealed as, in his malevolent quest to prove his superiority over Batman, he slaughters a squad of Gotham City cops and kidnaps an innocent child to use as a pawn in his cruel games of duplicity and murder. But the Dark Knight is not so easily duped, and Grendel's extreme actions set them both up for a chilling confrontation! Story, art, and painted cover by Matt Wagner. (Prestige Format) $4.95

CATWOMAN #1

Spinning out of the "Knightfall" storyline in BATMAN, DETECTIVE COMICS, and SHOWCASE '93, Catwoman begins her own ongoing series with a new look and a new attitude! Selina Kyle joins Bane, Gotham's new crime lord, only to betray him! But even with that much guts, nine lives may not be enough to save her. Written by Jo Duffy, with art by Jim Balent and Dick Giordano. Embossed spot-varnished cover illustrated by Balent. $1.25

CATWOMAN #1

THE DARKSTARS #11

Part 4 of "Trinity" continued from L.E.G.I.O.N. '93 #57: Green Lantern starts with the Darkstars in an attempt to stop one of the power-mad Trilarch...but even their combined might may not be enough to stop the Trilarch as their rivalry threatens to tear them apart. Continuity to GREEN LANTERN #45. Written by Michael Jan Friedman and pencilled by Travis Charest. Cover by Charest and Scott Hanna. (New Format) $1.75

GREEN ARROW #77

Together in a survivalist boot camp, Green Arrow and assassin Eddie Fyers find that the survivalist leader is wanted by every government in the world...and is willing to kill Green Arrow in order to maintain his freedom! Written by Mike Grell, with art by Rick Hoberg and John Nyberg. Cover by Grell. (New Format) $1.75

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BUY GARDNER #11

It begins here! Part 1 of Guy Gardner: Year One—Yesterday's Sins! Guy is kidnapped by aliens who are systematically replacing members of the GL Corps with evil duplicates and, as his memory is drained, Guy is forced to recall his past, his parents, and the moment in whose shadow he's lived his life. Written by Chuck Dixon, with art and cover by Joe Staton and Terry Beatty. $1.25

BUY GARDNER #11

JUSTICE LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL #53

Elongated Man and Tasmanian Devil are in Africa on the trail of a fantastic creature, while Crimson Fox makes a shocking discovery in London... her long-dead husband is alive! But their surprising reunion turns tragic when he's revealed to be a super-villain! Written by Gerard Jones and Will Jacobs, with art and cover by Ron Randall and Randy Elliott. $1.25

KAMANDI: AT EARTH'S END #3
(of a 6-issue miniseries)

Kamandi, Sleeper Zarn, and Saphira Cohen work their way towards middle America in search of the man who brigaded the second Apocalypse, all the while dodging those who are on the brink of causing a third one! Written by Tom Veitch, with art by Frank Gomez and Mike Barreiro. Cover by Gomez. (New Format) $1.75

ROBIN ANNUAL #2

The BLOODLINES Summer Annual crossover continues from JUSTICE LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL ANNUAL #4. The Cyber-rats, a teenage espionage hacker gang, joins forces with Robin after one of their number is attacked by the hideous alien parasites...and survives as Razorsharp, this Annual's inductee of New Blood into the DC Universe! Continued in ACTION COMICS ANNUAL #5. Written by Chuck Dixon, with art by Kieron Dwyer and José Luis Garcia-Lopez. 64 pages. Cover by Christian Alamy. $2.50

SCARLETT #0

Captured by Blood Wing, Scarlett is trapped in a city of vampires... and all are out for her blood! Written by Tom Joyner and K.S. Wilson, with art by Gray Morrow. Cover by James Fern. (New Format) $1.75

SCARLETT #0

STAR TREK®: WHO KILLED CAPTAIN KIRK? TRADE PAPERBACK

Collecting STAR TREK #49 – 50, written by hot writer Peter David, with a special introduction by George Takei, Captain Sulu of *Star Trek®*! During a seemingly tranquil period in the voyages of the Starship *Enterprise®*, the crew engages in more routine activities, including a wedding... until the apparent assassination of Captain Kirk! As the investigation into this crime commences, figures from Kirk's past appear as he undergoes a strange out-of-body experience. Written by Peter David. Uncredited Hunk, *K-Factor*, with art by Tom Sutton, Gordon Purcell, and Ricardo Villagran. Painted cover by Jason Palmer. 176 pages. *(Trade paperback)* $16.95

STATIC #3

Static hits the streets when Tarmack, a dangerous stretch of bad road, comes alive with a vengeance! Written by Robert L. Washington III and Dwayne McDuffie, with art by John Paul Leon and Steve Mitchell. $1.00

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DOOM PATROL #59
He's the Identity Addict and he can't stop changing identities, so the Doom Patrol beat their way to his doorstep only to meet the Visionary Stomach, the Unborn Peacock, the Compassionate Cop, and the Better Mousetrap. Written by Rachel Pollack, with art by Linda Medley and Graham Higgins. Photo cover by Tom Taggart. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

VERTIGO JAM #1
Featuring an 8-page Sandman story by Neil Gaiman and Kevin Nowlan that explores the haunting facets of Dream's realm, this anthology presents new tales of many VERTIGO core titles including HELLBLAZER by Garth Ennis and Steve Dillon; SHADE, THE CHANGING MAN by Peter Milligan and Michael Allred; ANIMAL MAN by Jamie Delano, Scot Eaton, and Mark Pennington; DOOM PATROL by Rachel Pollack and Eric Shanower; SWAMP THING by Nancy A. Collins, Phil Hester and Kim DeMulder; and KID ETERNITY by Ann Nocenti and Sean Phillips. All this and a painted cover by Glenn Fabry. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $3.95

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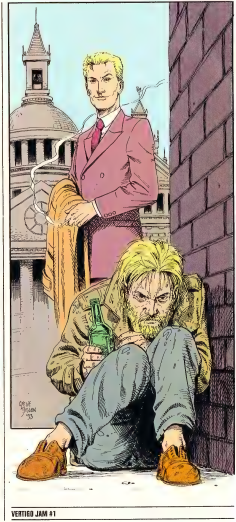

VERTIGO JAM #1

JAMMIN' IN FREE FALL

A free-from band composed of some of the best talent in the medium got together late one night in VERTIGO's back room and cooked up the anthology series VERTIGO JAM, a great place to experience a riff of VERTIGO's ongoing monthly books.

The first cut is an 8-page SANDMAN number by Neil Gaiman and Kevin Nowlan that explores some of the nooks and crannies of Dream's kingdom. Other tracks include a HELLBLAZER tale by Garth Ennis and Steve Dillon in which Constantine has an encounter with an old flame; a SHADE, THE CHANGING MAN piece in which our hero explores the religious morals and the canons of a baneful priest, as recorded by Peter Milligan and Michael Allred; a DOOM PATROL tune by Rachel Pollack and Eric Shanower in which the team must contend with a pair of promiscuous spirits who have escaped from their headquarters; an ANIMAL MAN cut by Jamie Delano, Scot Eaton, and Mark Pennington in which Buddy Baker and a straight-shooting fowl talk turkey; a haunting SWAMP THING melody about a ghost lost in the plant realm of the Green, composed by Nancy A. Collins, Phil Hester and Kim DeMulder; and the bizarre experimental sounds of KID ETERNITY by Ann Nocenti and Sean Phillips.

The cover of this 64-page collection is painted by Glenn Fabry.

VERTIGO JAM...less expensive than a night of club-hopping, there's no drink minimum, and it's the perfect way to sample the hottest line of cutting-edge comics around.

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WERE HOPEFULLY INDESTRUCTIBLE.
NONE OF COULD HAVE FORESEEN OR HE COULD—
LUCIEN?
WHAT EFFECTS ARE YOU SEEING?
I AM SHOWING YOU THE DAMAGE TO THE PALACE AND ITS SURROUNDINGS, MY LORD.
YES, LUCIEN.
I AM HERE.
COME IN. NOW. I'VE BEEN SO LONELY.
OH.
OH GOD.
YES, OF COURSE. BUT WHAT ABOUT YOUR DREAMS? HOW HAVE YOU SURVIVED FROM NOW UNTIL THE END OF THE UNIVERSE?
AND HOW DO YOU INTEND SPENDING YOUR NEW LEASE ON LIFE?
OH.
BUT IF YOU COME OUT OF THIS ALIVE, THEN THERE'S A CHANCE IT'S ALL GOING TO START AGAIN!

THE GOLDEN AGE SANDMAN CONFRONTS A NEW MYSTERY

A terrifying new adventure begins in SANDMAN MYSTERY THEATRE #5 as Wesley Dodds encounters the enigmatic assassin and master of disguise called the Face. Hired to stir up dormant hostilities among Tong factions, the Face's unspeakable crimes will cause Chinatown to explode into gang violence unless the Golden Age Sandman can unlock the secret of the killer's identity.

A thrilling crime noir tale of ancient hatreds both among a people and between peoples, "The Face" sheds new light on narrator Dian Belmont's past and hints at possibilities for her future.

Scripted by Matt Wagner, the compelling writer/artist of the BATMAN/GRENDEL Prestige miniseries, and dramatically illustrated by John Watkiss, artist of Dark Horse's critically acclaimed *Ring of Roses*, "The Face" is the second 4-issue story arc in the hit VERTIGO monthly series. Also, the cover of SANDMAN MYSTERY THEATRE #5 features a fluorescent fifth color.

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☐ **JONAH HEX: TWO-GUN MOJO #1**
(of a 5-issue miniseries)
The Old West spawned many strange tales, but none darker than the legend of the gunfighter Jonah Hex and his war with the Mojo Man of Mud Creek and his zombie outlaws. A bizarre twist on an already twisted character by horror novelist Joe R. Lansdale, with art by Timothy Truman and Sam Glanzman, and full-process color by Sam Parsons. Painted cover by Truman. *(Suggested for mature readers. Deluxe Format. 96 pgs.)* $2.95

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SANDMAN MYSTERY THEATRE #5
A new murderer makes his mark and Wesley Dodds must again don his mask or confront dark dreams in this first part of a new storyline. The mysterious villain the Face takes only heads and the Chinatown gangs will take to the streets if the Golden Age Sandman doesn't find the killer first. Written by Matt Wagner, with art by John Watkiss. Photo cover by Gavin Wilson, with a fluorescent fifth color. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

SHADE, THE CHANGING MAN #38
Check into the Hotel Shade and be prepared for a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Hallucinations plague the proprietors, Shade, Kathy, and Lenny, when one of their guests checks in to begin "The Great American Novel." Written by Peter Milligan, with art by Chris Bachalo, Rick Bryant, and Glyn Dillon. Painted cover by Bachalo. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

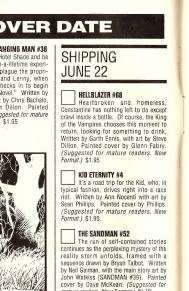
SHADE, THE CHANGING MAN #38

SHIPPING JUNE 22

HELLBLAZER #68
Heartbroken and homeless, Constantine has nothing left to do except crawl inside a bottle. Of course, the King of the Vampires chooses this moment to return, looking for something to drink. Written by Garth Ennis, with art by Steve Dillon. Painted cover by Glenn Fabry. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

KID ETERNITY #4
It's a road trip for the Kid, who, in typical fashion, drives right into a race riot. Written by Ann Nocenti with art by Sean Phillips. Painted cover by Phillips. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

THE SANDMAN #52
The run of self-contained stories continues as the perplexing mystery of the reality storm unfolds, framed with a sequence drawn by Bryan Talbot. Written by Neil Gaiman, with the main story art by John Watkiss (SANDMAN #59). Painted cover by Dave McKean. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95.



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ANIMAL MAN #62
(of a 22-issue miniseries)
In Part 2 of "Tooth and Claw," Animal Man and the flaker clan attempt to unearth the force driving the animal kingdom's violent rebellion. Written by Jamie Delano, with art by Steve Pugh. Painted cover by Brian Bolland. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

ENIGMA #6
(of an 8-issue miniseries)
The pieces finally begin to fall into place for our hero, Michael Smith, when he puzzles out his connection to the Enigma. Written by Peter Milligan, with art by Duncan Fegredo, and full-process color by Sherilyn van Valkenburgh. Painted cover by Fegredo. *(Suggested for mature readers. Deluxe Format.)* $2.50

ENIGMA #6

THE LAST ONE #2
(of a 6-issue miniseries)
Dislodged from this present, Pat takes shelter in memories of Myrwarm's past — the years he spent in Hollywood working with Chaplin and Keaton on silent screen gems. But sibling comedy as a survival technique proves costly for Myrwarm (in the past) and Pat (in the present). Written by J.M. DeMatteis, with art by Dan Sweetman. Painted cover by Sweetman. *(Suggested for mature readers. Deluxe Format.)* $2.50

SKIN GRAFT #2
(of a 4-issue miniseries)
His sentence served, John Dakes leaves prison, then uses the skills he learned from the Tattooed Man to set himself up as the premier practioner of the art. But Dakes must flee his new life when his clients begin to turn up murdered, their tattooed skins ripped from their bodies. Written by Jerry Prosser, with art and fully painted color by Warren Pleece. Photo cover by Gavin Wilson. *(Suggested for mature readers. Deluxe Format.)* $2.50

SWAMP THING #134
Arcane takes possession of the Sunderland empire; Swamp Thing's marriage with Abby reaches a crossroads; and a surprise guest star returns. Written by Nancy A. Collins, with art by Scott Fallon and Kim DeMulder. Painted cover by Charles Vess. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

SWAMP THING #134

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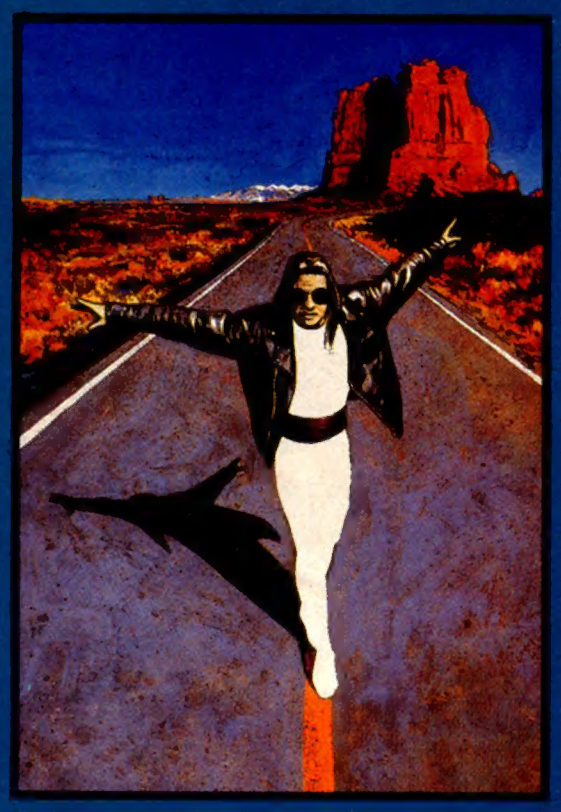

Cover of the Month
KID ETERNITY #4

JONAH HEX: TWO-GUN MOJO

When storytellers tell the darkest, most horrific tales of the Old West, there is one name they never repeat after the sun has set and rarely even at high noon. But they all know about the gunslinger named Jonah Hex: a man whose life was as cursed as his name implies, and whose trail was as twisted as the scars that disfigure his face.

A DC legend returns in JONAH HEX: TWO-GUN MOJO, a 5-issue Deluxe Format miniseries. When Hex rides into Mud Creek, Texas, he finds himself caught between the corrupt townspeople and a strange creature called the Mojo Man, whose mysterious schemes draw Hex inexorably into a strange vortex of horrors.

Writer Joe R. Lansdale cites the character of Jonah Hex as a great influence on his horror fiction and other prose work, which includes the novel *The Drive-In,* the short story collection *By Bizarre Hands,* and the Batman novel *Captured by the Engines.* He is also scripting the upcoming VERTIGO miniseries BLOOD AND SHADOWS. Pencils and painted covers are by another longtime Hex fan, Timothy Truman, the creator of *Scout* and the writer/penciller of DC's HAWKWORLD miniseries. The inks are by comics veteran Sam Glanzman and the full-process color is by Sam Parsons.